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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## FLOODS CLAIM LIVES

**Distressing State of Affairs Reported From Spain.**

### 30,000 THROWN OUT OF WORK

**Village Has Been Terribly Ravaged. Waters Have Washed Out Countless Coffins and Bodies from the Local Cemetery.**

Barcelona, Oct. 16.—The flood situation in this vicinity is most serious. Up to the present time five persons have been drowned and 30,000 thrown out of work. The greatest distress is reported from Manresa, the birthplace of St. Ignatius, the founder of Society of Jesus. The village has been terribly ravaged and the waters have washed out countless coffins and bodies from the local cemetery.

The Guadalmedina river is out of its banks and in this district several old people and children have been drowned.

### \$30,000,000 WILL CONTEST.

**Heirs of Nelson Morris Will Receive \$6,000,000 Cash.**

Chicago, Oct. 16.—The Tribune says that a thirty million dollar will contest that was argued and settled out of court was disclosed when the last testament of Nelson Morris, the packer, was filed for probate.

As a result of this remarkable situation the principal provision of the will has been nullified. Instead of carrying out an arrangement which would have held the bulk of the estate in trust for at least 15 years the widow and her four children will divide the property equally among themselves at once. Instead of \$500,000 and an annuity of \$15,000 during the next 20 years each, the five principal heirs will receive at once \$6,000,000 cash and securities.

Ever since Nelson Morris died nearly two months ago a strenuous though friendly debate over his will has been going on in the family. On one side, seeking to abrogate the trust plan under which they would not have come into their inheritance for from 15 to 20 years, were ranged the widow and three of the children—Mrs. Maurice L. Rothschild, Mrs. Henry C. Schwab and Ira Nelson Morris; on the other side seeking to carry out the provisions of the will under which he would have been in control of the estate, stood Edward Morris, the oldest son and the present head of the Morris Packing corporations. It was simply a case of divergence of opinion.

Finally Edward Morris met the views of the rest of the family and an amicable agreement, setting aside the trust plan and providing for an equal division of the property was signed.

### NEW MAYOR INSTALLED.

**Remarkable Demonstration at Chattanooga, Tenn.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 17.—Colonel W. R. Crabtree, newly elected mayor of Chattanooga, was formally inaugurated Monday night with one of the most remarkable demonstrations of the kind in the history of the city.

The crowd assembled to honor the incoming official taxed the council chambers and floral decorations were in lavish profusion. According to his doctrine the new mayor advanced in this inaugural he will be in his office much of the time and he declared the people are entitled to the executive service of their officials. He denounced the bribe giver as equally criminal with the bribe receiver. He succeeds William L. Pearson, who held the office two years.

### Editor Appointed Sheriff.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 16.—Horse Hood, editor and part owner of the Montgomery Journal, and one of the oldest editors of the Alabama press, has been appointed sheriff of Montgomery county, one of the best paying places in the state. Mr. Hood has edited newspapers in Montgomery for many years and is well known in every section of the south. He is

### SHOT WOMAN AS SHE FLED.

**Story of New York's Under World Has Tragic Denouement in Schenectady.**

Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 16.—Suddenly coming upon a woman in a resort here with whom he had lived in New York for three years, a man whose identity is unknown, drew a revolver and, as she turned to flee, shot her in the back, almost instantly killing her.

The victim, who was known as Pearl Harris, had scarcely breathed her last when Chief of Police Rynex, Detective Fuller and Patrolman Raguel, came upon the murderer in the back room of a saloon. Before they could lay hands on or cover him, he shot Raguel through the abdomen, and throwing his pistol in the face of Chief Rynex, who was in the act of drawing his revolver, dashed into the barroom. There he grabbed a bottle and fought his way out to the street.

Leaving Detective Cutler to care for Raguel, Chief Rynex started after the fugitive and chased him into a lumber yard, where he disappeared.

The man has been in the city only a few days, and is known here by the name of "Curly." He was well dressed and seemed to have plenty of money. He has been hanging about the red light district spending money lavishly.

The woman was formerly an actress and lived with a man in New York who, from the description she gave to her acquaintances, is believed to be her slayer.

### EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

**Bill to Establish Provinces Is Defeated by the Laity.**

Richmond, Va., Oct. 16.—The principal event that occurred Monday in the Episcopal convention was the defeat of the so-called archbishop or provinces bill, which has been holding the attention of the house of bishops and the house of deputies for the past two days. The house of bishops passed the measure and the clergy were overwhelmingly in favor of it. The laity, however, defeated the measure by a nonconcurrence.

At a joint meeting of the bishops and the deputies, the bishop of Mississippi and the bishop of Georgia spoke on the negro question, both contending that the work among the negroes in the southern states had advanced rapidly within the last ten years, and both making earnest pleas that the church continue the work.

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Ferguson, bishop of Cape Palmas, the only negro sitting in either house of the convention, also spoke and made an excellent impression, especially the delegates from the southern states.

The Rev. Dr. Wilkins, of Los Angeles, had passed a resolution forming a commission of ten bishops, fifteen clergymen and twenty laymen to raise a fund of \$5,000,000 for the relief of disabled clergy.

### Killed on First Auto Ride.

Morenci, Mich., Oct. 16.—Arthur Onweller, a merchant of Lyons, O., bought a new automobile, and was taking his first ride in it with his wife and two children. While driving at fair speed he lost control of the car and it ran into a deep ditch five miles east of here, turning turtle, and crushing him to death beneath it. Mrs. Onweller and one of the children, a boy, were seriously hurt. The boy was internally injured and has a broken arm.

### Hon. Campbell Slump Dead.

Big Stone Gap, Va., Oct. 16.—Hon. Campbell Slump, member of congress from the ninth district of Virginia, died early Sunday morning of angina pectoris. He was the only republican member of the Virginia delegation in congress.

### College Student Killed.

Hamilton, O., Oct. 16.—J. S. Emerson, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, a student at Miami university, was killed and Donald Haven was cut and bruised when an electric car struck an automobile in which they were riding.

### Niece of Tilden Suicides.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Detroit, Mich., says: "The body of Mrs. W. F. Turner, a niece of the late Samuel J. Tilden, was taken from the river here Mon-

## SENSATIONAL STORY

**Mother and Son Believed to Have Been Highway Robbers.**

### ARE ARRESTED BY POLICE

**Officers Say They Have Evidence to Show that Mrs. Georgia Wren and Her Son Have Been Principals in Several Recent Hold Ups.**

Natalbany, La., Oct. 16.—In the arrest near here of Mrs. Georgia Wren and her young son, Charles, the Tangipahoa parish authorities allege that they have two highwaymen who have been terrorizing the people of this section of the state for some time. Hold-ups have been frequent and suspicion pointed to the Wrens, who have been principals in more than one gun fight.

Mrs. Wren is a crack rifle and revolver shot and when Deputy Sheriff A. T. Watson attempted to make the arrest she reached for her rifle. The officer was too quick for her, though, and got the drop on her, while other officers covered her son with their revolvers. Mother and son are now in the parish prison at Amite City, where they were taken by the posse.

After the arrest, a man who was held up while riding a bicycle along one of the parish roads, helped identify the couple as the parties who had him to dismount at the point of a rifle and turn over all the money he had on him, amounting to about \$15.

The Wrens are well known in New Orleans where they spent several weeks in a hospital as a result of a fight with officers in this parish.

### BURGLARS LOOT SAFES.

**Several Georgia Towns Visited by Professional Cracksmen.**

Americus, Ga., Oct. 16.—Professional cracksmen, who have recently been operating in southwestern Georgia towns, Monday morning burglarized two stores at De Soto and another at Cobb, small towns near the city of Americus.

Safes were dynamited and hundreds of dollars secured, while hundreds of checks and postoffice orders were scattered broadcast.

Six hundred dollars were taken from the safe of Esten Howe, at De Soto, his safe being blown into fragments. The losses of Eugene Moore and Jesse Hill, whose safes were likewise dynamited, were nominal, little being secured at either store.

Residents of De Soto heard the explosion about daylight, but supposed it was railroad employees using torpedoes to signal a train.

The burglars made good their escape with their booty.

### TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

**Believed that the Fontenac Powder Mills Blew Up.**

Brazil, Ind., Oct. 16.—Three distinct explosions were heard Tuesday from the direction of the Fontenac Powder mills, 15 miles away.

Many windows were shattered in the business and residential districts. All plate glass windows in the Citizens' bank building were destroyed. It was reported here that the powder house and two mills of the Dupont Powder company at Fontenac had blown up and that from 25 to 100 persons had been killed.

All communication with Fontenac is cut off by wire and persons in automobiles left at once to render any possible assistance.

Fontenac is a mining town of a few hundred inhabitants, situated on the Big Four railroad 18 miles east of Terre Haute and 65 miles west of Indianapolis.

### Savannah, Ga., Has Costly Fire.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 16.—At 1:50 a. m. Monday a rapid fire destroyed the hardware stock of H. H. Peebles & Sons, 125 Congress street, west. The loss is estimated at \$70,000; \$60,000 on stock and \$10,000 on the building, both well insured. The surrounding property was in grave danger. No explanation of the origin of the fire

### FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT.

**Four Persons Killed in Pennsylvania at a Grade Crossing.**

Pottstown, Pa., Oct. 16.—As a result of a grade crossing automobile accident on the Philadelphia and Reading railway, at Kelm street, here Monday night four persons were killed and one probably fatally injured. The automobile which was run down on the crossing by a Pottsville express, contained a party of five persons from Kimberton, Chester county, Pennsylvania. The dead are:

Jacob Reese, aged 55 yeears.  
Mrs. Jacob Reese, aged 48 years.  
Mrs. Anthony W. Emery, Jr., aged 42 years.  
Belva Emery, aged one year, child of Mrs. Emery.

Anthony W. Emery, Jr., owner and driver of the automobile, was the only one of the party to escape death, and his thigh was broken, and he received internal injuries in the accident.

The party were on their way home from a shopping tour in this city when the accident occurred.

A hedge and a clump of trees, together with a couple of buildings, partly obscured the crossing, and it is probable Mr. Emery did not know a train was due, for he drove the machine directly on the track in front of the express.

The automobile was broken into bits and the members of the party were hurled out of the machine. Mr. Reese and Mrs. Emery were killed instantly. Mrs. Reese's neck was broken and she died on the train while being brought to this city. The child died shortly after the mother.

Mrs. Reese and Mrs. Emery were sisters, and by the accident almost an entire family was wiped out.

### NOT HOSTILE TO RAILROADS.

**President Finley Makes Statement to Stockholders of Southern.**

New York, Oct. 16.—That the south is not hostile to railroads is one of the declarations appearing in President W. W. Finley's statement to the stockholders of the Southern railway, a portion of the report of which for the year ending June 30 last has just been made public.

In fact, President Finley says, there is a growing feeling among shippers and travelers in that part of the country in favor of a reasonable treatment of railroad enterprises. The statement then cites as an indication of the rapid industrial expansion of the south that last year no fewer than 860 new plants of various sorts were installed along the Southern railroad lines and that the capacities of many older plants were enlarged.

### May Be Great Railway Strike.

London, Oct. 16.—Richard Bell, a member of parliament, general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, announced that the railway companies had sent an unfavorable reply to the society's demand for the recognition of the unions. The ballots so far received from the men in the vote being taken throughout the United Kingdom on the advisability of declaring a general strike in order to secure recognition of their organization was largely in favor of a general strike. The voting will be concluded on Oct. 26.

### Dynamite Suspects Arrested.

Joplin, Mo., Oct. 16.—Five persons suspected of being the parties who dynamited the Joplin News-Herald plant on the night of Sept. 13, were arrested early Tuesday morning. They are Minnie St. Clair, Charles Smith, W. S. Martin, Beulah Beam and Hazel Ray, alias Hazel Red. Minnie St. Clair formerly conducted a resort in this city and all of those who were arrested are well known in police circles.

### Stricken by Death in Court.

Fitzgerald, Ga., Oct. 16.—James R. Green, who was the prosecuting witness in the case of the state against Hall, for burglarizing Green's house, was stricken by apoplexy while the case was on trial Monday afternoon before Judge Whipple, of Ben Hill superior court, and fell to the floor, dying in less than a minute. Mr. Green was an aged veteran of the late war, and lived a short distance out of

## 16 PERSONS KILLED

**Disastrous Railway Wreck Shrewsbury, Eng.**

### CLAIM DISREGARD OF ORDER

**In Darkness and Pouring Rain Train Left Track Rails, Piling the Cars in a Tangled Mass of Wreckage—Not Catch on Fire.**

Shrewsbury, England, Oct. 16.—A train made up of passenger cars bound from Scotland and the south of England to Bristol left the station at an early hour Tuesday morning.

Sixteen persons, including passengers, were killed and many more were injured.

The London and North Western road, on which the train was running, curves sharply as it nears Shrewsbury and there is a standing order that engineers must not exceed a speed of ten miles an hour at that point. In regard of the order is believed to have been the cause of the accident. The engine and all cars with the exception of the last one left the track and when the officials from the road station reached the spot they were a tangled mass of wreckage, many of which were the bodies of dead and injured.

Fortunately, the wreck did not catch fire and the detectors and salvage which reached the scene, did not add this added danger to fight in the darkness and pouring rain, which, however, retarded the work of rescue. Several hours elapsed before the body was taken out of the wreck. The killed included the engine and fireman and the guards and porters who were in the mail car immediately behind the engine.

### PROHIBITION WIN VICTORY.

**Majority For Prohibition In Several Alabama Towns.**

Columbus, Ga., Oct. 16.—In election in Lee county, Alabama, Monday the prohibitionists won by overwhelming majority. Every in the ticket voted for prohibition with the possible exception of one or isolated beat with a small vote.

The total majority for prohibition is estimated to be between 800 and 900. Opelika, the largest beat in the county, cast 376 votes for prohibition to 76 against. Phenix City carried by the prohibitionists by 50 to 56.

In Phenix City the ladies served lunches and gave a parade. In many children took part, and the waving and singing of songs prominent features of the day.

### Body of Boy Torn to Bits.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 16.—Scattered along the Atlantic Coast Line for a distance of 50 yards, the remains of Walter Lee Langston, Monday morning picked up and in a basket to be taken to an undertaking establishment. Just before he came to his death is not known he left home presumably to go to circus grounds. He was never alive after that time. When he was killed and placed on the train or was run over by a freight train never be known, though it is said that the latter theory is more correct.

### He Swallowed Laudanum.

Arkansas City, Kans., Oct. 16.—D. Davidson, an oil contractor known in the southwest, was dead in his room in a local hotel Monday. He had swallowed a quantity of laudanum with suicidal intent and note saying he was in financial straits and believed his mind was failing. Davidson was 35 years of age and single.

### Three Tramps Killed.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 16.—Three tramps, who were stealing a wreck near Campbellville, 19 miles from Spartanburg, the accident caused by a derailment, and the cars were piled up in the wreck.